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Please replace paragraph [00033] with the following and renumber as paragraph [00032]:

[00033] [00032] FIG. 13 12 is a flowchart of a method to mount an outlet housing for a telephone in a building structure according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace paragraph [00034] with the following and renumber as paragraph [00032]:

[00034] [00033] FIG. 14-13 is a flowchart of a method to install an outlet housing for a telephone in a building structure according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

Please replace paragraph [00035] with the following and renumber as paragraph [00034]:

[00035] [00034] FIG. 15-14 is a flowchart of a method to use an outlet housing for a telephone in a building structure according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Please renumber paragraphs [00036] through [00057] as [00035] through [00056].

Please replace paragraph [00057] with the following paragraph and renumber as paragraph [00056]:

[00057] [00056] The base housing cover plate 51 has a front cover plate surface 165 and an outer perimeter 167 surrounding the front cover plate surface 165. At least a portion of the outer perimeter 167 can be deflected away from the front cover plate surface 165 to further provide reduced wiring visualization and exposure when the base housing cover plate 51 is positioned to cover the base open front 61 of the base housing 47. The base housing cover plate 51 also has at least one cord channel 169 formed in a peripheral region of the base housing cover plate 51 which is adapted to allow passage of at least the AC power cord 37 and preferably the telephone cord 43 therethrough for connection of a telephone base such as the cordless phone base station

21 to the AC female electrical power outlet 33 and to the female telephone jack 39. The cord channel aperture 169 can alternatively be located at a central position positioned on the base housing cover plate 51 or at an intermediate position therebetween. The base housing cover plate 51 can be larger than the base open front 61 of the base housing 47 in order to provide for a positive contact with the drywall 56 of the building structure or a furniture structure F (FIG. 12), and thus, can form part of the wall or furniture mounting structure for the apparatus 31. The base housing cover plate 51 can also include means for connecting a cordless or telecommunication device such as telephone 20 to the base open front 61 of the base housing 47. For example, as shown in FIG. 9, telephone base mounts 171 can be adapted to connect to standard wall hanging slots 173 of a telephone base with respect to base station 21 of the cordless telephone 20. The mounts 171 in conjunction with slots 173 allow mounting of a cordless or telecommunication device such as the cordless telephone 20 to the interior wall of the building structure, as shown in FIG. 1. Mount or mounts 171 can be universal and repositionable upon the face of base housing cover plate 51 in order to accommodate a wide array of cordless device base station designs and can be of various configurations as known understood by those skilled in the art.

Please replace paragraph 00058 with the following and renumber as paragraph 00057:

[00058] [00057] Advantageously, embodiments of the present invention include a method of mounting (FIG. 13-12), a method of installing (FIG. 14-13), and a method of using (FIG. 14-15) an outlet housing for a cordless or telecommunication device such as a telephone in a furniture or building structure to provide reduced wiring visualization exposure. As also shown in FIG. 6, the method of mounting the outlet housing includes a user (block 201) providing a base housing 47 having a base open front 61, a base backwall 63, and a plurality of base sidewalls 65, 66, 67, 68, extending between the base open front 61 and the base backwall 63 forming a base inner chamber 69 therein. The plurality of base sidewalls 65, 66, 67, 68, includes a first base sidewall 63 and having at least one power outlet aperture 71 to receive an AC female electrical power outlet 33 therein. The user (block 203) provides a power outlet housing 49 having a power outlet open front 85, a power outlet backwall 86, and a plurality of power

outlet sidewalls 87, 88, 89, 90, extending between the power outlet open front 89 and the power outlet backwall 86, forming an auxiliary inner chamber 93 therein. The user (block 205) connects the power outlet housing 49 to the first base sidewall 65 so that the power outlet open front 85 interfaces with the at least one power outlet aperture 71 of the first base sidewall 65 to thereby reduce overall depth of the combined base housing and power outlet housing 45 within the building structure.

Please renumber paragraphs [00059] through [00061] as paragraphs [00058] through [00060].

Please replace paragraph 00061 with the following and renumber as paragraph [00060]:

As shown in FIG. 14-13, an embodiment of the present invention includes [00061] [00060] a method for installing a telephone in a building structure to provide reduced wiring visualization exposure. As shown in FIG. 9, the method includes a user (block 221) connecting a male telephone jack connector 41 to a female telephone jack 39 positioned in a base inner chamber 69 of a base housing 47 and power outlet housing 49 combined and recessed within an interior wall of the building structure. The connection can be accomplished by passing the male telephone jack connector 41 through a base open front 61 of the base housing 47 to engage the female telephone jack 39. The method also includes (block 223) connecting the AC power plug 35 to an AC female electrical power outlet 33 positioned within the base housing and power outlet housing 45 by passing the AC power plug 35 through the base open front 61 of the base housing 47 to engage the AC female electrical power outlet 33. The user (block 225) then positions major lengthwise extents of a telephone cord 43 connected to the male telephone jack connector 41 and AC power cord 37 connected to the AC power plug 35 within the base inner chamber 69 of the base housing 47. The user then (block 227) connects a base housing cover plate 51 for the base housing 47 to a plurality of base housing cover plate connection supports 83 positioned within a base inner chamber 69 of the base housing 47 to cover a base open front 61 of the base housing 47, the base housing cover plate 51 having at least one cord channel 169 formed preferably in a peripheral region 167 of the base housing cover plate 51 adapted to allow passage of the AC power cord 37 and the telephone cord 43, therethrough.

Please replace paragraph [00062] with the following and renumber as paragraph [00061]:

[00062] [00061] As shown in FIG. 15-14, an embodiment of the present invention includes a method for using a cordless telephone in a building structure to provide reduced wiring visualization exposure. As shown in FIG. 2 and 9, the method includes a user (block 231) extracting from within a base inner chamber 69 of a base housing 47 recessed within a building interior wall a telephone cord 43 and an AC power cord 37 positioned therein, and passing the cords 37, 43, through a cord channel 169 in a base housing cover plate 51 as necessary to provide sufficient cord to connect a proximal male telephone jack connector 175 connected to the telephone cord 43 and a low voltage power connector 177 connected to the AC power cord 37 to a telephone base such as base station 21 of the cordless telephone 20. The distal male telephone jack connector 41 of the telephone cord 43 and AC power plug 35 of the AC power cord 43 should be previously connected within the base inner chamber 69 of the base housing 47. If not, the user can accomplish this task. The user then (block 233) connects the base station 21 of the cordless phone 20 to the proximal male telephone jack connector 175 of the telephone cord 43 and low voltage power connector 177 of the AC power cord 37, and (block 235) connects a plurality of wall hanging slots 173 of the base station 21 to a corresponding plurality of base housing cover plate telephone base mounts, such as cordless telephone base station mounts 171, to thereby mount the telephone to the interior wall of the building structure (FIG. 1). Finally, the user (block 237) passes excess extracted telephone cord 43 and AC power cord 37 back through the cord channel 169 in the base housing cover plate 51 and back into the base inner chamber 69 as necessary to further reduce wiring visualization exposure of excess extracted telephone cord 43 and AC power cord 37.

Please renumber paragraph [00063] as [00062].